the rural development centre, work is also carried on by the development departments of Panchayat, Agriculture, Co-operative, Industries and Uplift, each of them contributing within its own sphere towards the improvement of the villages and the village life generally. Therefore the special contribution of One lakh of rupees intended for rural development works is distributed as shown below:—

		Rs.
1.	Panchayat	62,500
2.	Public Health	5,000
3.	Ayurveda	7,500
4.	Agriculture	5,000
5.	Co-operative	5,000
6.	Industries	10,000
7.	Uplift	2,500
8.	Rural development centre.. ..	2,500
		1,00,000

Besides these, an amount of Rs. 30,000 has also been provided under the budget head Advances to be utilised to grant advances to deserving Industries and other institutions. Also money will be found shortly to start a Central Co-operative Marketing Board in Trichur.

20. The above provisions are outside the usual allotments made under Panchayats, Agriculture, Ayurveda, Co-operative, Industries and Uplift.

21. I have now completed the survey of the more important of the estimates in the budget of the next year. I do not propose to touch the remaining ones since they have all been very clearly explained in the memorandum, copy of which was sent to the Hon'ble Members along with the Budget Estimates. Therefore, I now propose to pass on to a few other subjects which though they will not come for direct consideration and voting in the House, form really the background of our public finances and are therefore of genuine interest. Before I do that I would, however, say one word about the Budget Estimates of the Cranganur Principality which are also to be submitted to the vote of the House.

THE CRANGANUR PRINCIPALITY.

22. As in the previous years both the Revised Estimate of the current year and the Budget Estimate of the next year are expected to close with deficits to the extent of Rs. 33,210 and Rs. 30,050 respectively. The reasons for this recurring feature of deficits in

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the budget of this Principality were fully explained in my budget speech of last year. Every attempt is made to reduce expenditure under Cranganur consistent with administrative efficiency.

23. As the Cranganur Principality has not to shoulder the responsibilities of a separate financial unit of administration and its finances and administrative problems are to a very large extent merged in those of the State proper no serious inconvenience has happened so far on account of these recurring deficits. The strength and resources of the State have enabled it to carry on in spite of its weak financial position.

EXPENDITURE UNDER CAPITAL OUTLAY.

24. Now having completed the survey of all the estimates that are to come for the direct vote of the House I would proceed to those items of receipts and expenditure which though they are not voted are really items that influence the fortunes of the State and are therefore matters of no mean interest to the House.

Shoranur-Cochin Railway.

25. Of these, I would first take up the Shoranur-Cochin Railway. The net income from Railway for the current year is Rs. 4·86 lakhs. The same for 1115 is anticipated at Rs. 4·37 lakhs. On the capital expenditure of the main line excluding the Edapilli-Ernakulam branch line which has not been completed the net return for the year 1114 works out to 4·6 per cent.

26. Out of the original estimated expenditure of Rs. 13·66 lakhs, for the Edapilli-Ernakulam line Rs. 9,55,649 have been already incurred. The capital expenditure to be met on account of this work in 1115 is anticipated only at Rs. 3,54,175 and it is hoped that with this the entire capital expenditure on account of the broad-gauge conversion and the linking up of the Shoranur-Cochin Railway with the Harbour area would be completed.

27. Compared to the previous year the goods traffic on the Shoranur-Cochin line in the year 1938—39 has risen by Rs. 28,274. In the passenger traffic, however, there was a slight fall to the extent of Rs. 12,488. The total earnings from goods and passenger traffic in 1938—39 were Rs. 16·87 lakhs, the goods traffic contributing Rs. 11·38 lakhs and the passenger and other miscellaneous traffic Rs. 5·49 lakhs.

The Cochin Harbour.

28. The capital expenditure the State has incurred so far on account of the fourth stage of the Cochin Harbour works comes to Rs. 57·80 lakhs. In the next year, 1115, provision has been made for a further capital expenditure of Rs. 3·68 lakhs and this would complete the payments

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